(b) if not, the actual amount of this exemption; and

(c) the estimated percentage of the exemptions against the total recovery of import tax?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The total duty foregone under various export promotion schemes was Rs. 41029.43 crores during 2004-05. The duty foregone as the percentage of customs duty collection was 72.9% during 2004-05.

Group of Ministers for Public Investments

141. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has set up a 10-Member Group of Ministers headed by him for alternative decision making process on investments, particularly public investments;

(b) whether a proposal was submitted by Minister of Power regarding delays caused in taking decisions on investment in power projects; and

(c) if so, what are the main alternatives issued to the proposed committee and to what extent this committee will be helpful in taking immediate decision on investments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) Sir, the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM), under Chairmanship of Finance Minister to examine a proposal of Ministry of Power regarding alternative formulation for improvements in project investment decision procedures The recommendations of the GoM are awaiting Government approval.

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†142. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.